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## Congressman Dent announces grant to help Allentown consortium expand distance learning in Pennsylvania

Washington, D.C. — U.S. Rep. Charlie Dent (PA-15) announced the U.S. Department of Education has awarded a \$198,400 grant to Allentown-based Center for Advancing Partnerships in Education (CAPE) to expand the use of online media for students at its member schools.

CAPE is a 501(c) 3 nonprofit consortium of primarily small and medium-sized educational and other institutions, including colleges and universities, public school districts and intermediate units, cultural and community organizations, libraries, and health care institutions throughout Pennsylvania.

CAPE will use the earmarked funds to contract software platforms that will help its member institutions reach remote or isolated students and bring high-level educational resources into the classroom. CAPE will also provide extensive training, consulting and facilitation to assist schools in maximizing the benefits of this technology.

"CAPE has already advanced the use of distance learning in more than 200 schools, and this funding will help them further their mission of bringing effective technology to the classroom," Congressman Dent said.

Congressman Charlie Dent represents Pennsylvania's 15<sup>th</sup> District, including all or parts of Lehigh, Northampton, Montgomery, and Berks counties.